



Corres. and Mail  
**BOX AF**

*Image*

*AF*  
*1637*

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **INOUE, Takakazu**

Group Art Unit: **1637**

Serial No.: **10/069,977**

Examiner: **Joyce Tung**

Filed: **March 13, 2002**

**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 2998**

For: **METHOD OF ANALYZING INTESTINAL FLORA AND ANALYTICAL APPARATUS**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 1637**

**MAILSTOP AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 18, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **September 24, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: